



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 18, 2009 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Flag Salute

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Lewis and the following Councilmembers were present: Rich Wagner, Sue Singer, Gene Cerino, Nancy Backus, Bill Pelosa, and Virginia Haugen. Councilmember Lynn Norman was excused.

Staff members present included: Chief of Police Jim Kelly; Public Works Director Dennis Dowdy; Planning, Building and Community Director Cindy Baker; Information Services Director Lorrie Rempher; City Attorney Daniel B. Heid; Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber; Principal Planner Elizabeth Chamberlain; Finance Director Shelley Coleman; Risk Manager Rob Roscoe; Government Relations Manager Carolyn Robertson; Community Services Manager Duanna Richards; Assistant Planning Director Kevin Snyder; Transportation Planner Chris Hankins; Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah Miller; and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

C. Announcements and Appointments

1. Announcements

a) Recognition of Auburn Youth Ambassadors to Tamba, Japan

Mayor Lewis reviewed the history of the formation of the City of Tamba, Japan and its Sister City relationship with the City of Auburn.

Kent-Auburn-Tamba Committee Chair Kim Isom presented an overview of the Youth Ambassador Program which includes students from Auburn and Kent School Districts and reviewed the Youth Ambassador selection process. Ms. Isom introduced Chad Guisinger, who is the Japanese teacher at Auburn Riverside High School. Ms. Isom also introduced two of the seven recently selected ambassadors who will be going to Japan this summer: Reed Guisinger and Colton Johnson from Auburn Riverside High School.

Ms. Isom presented Certificates of Recognition to this year's participants as follows:

Josh Bennett, in recognition of 498 hours of community service

Kyle Cheney, in recognition of 501 hours of community service

Josh Howard, in recognition of 371 hours of community service

Christina Jones, in recognition of 473 hours of community service

Heather Ryan, in recognition of 496 hours of community service

Sean Isom, in recognition of 294 community service hours

Malia Oshiro, in recognition of 149 community service hours

All of the youth ambassadors were congratulated by the City Council and Senator Claudia Kauffman.

- b) Legislative Update by Senator Claudia Kauffman**
Senator Claudia Kauffman, representing the 47th Legislative District, provided the Council with a brief

post-session update on legislative issues. Senator Kauffman spoke regarding SB 5642 designating State Highway 164 as a highway of statewide significance, 2SHB 2119 relating to the Running Start Program to allow community colleges the ability to recover costs, 2SSB 5045 regarding community revitalization financing, consumer protection legislation regarding event data recorders on vehicles and foreclosure processes, and legislative issues related to the military and veterans. Senator Kauffman distributed handouts of the 2009 Legislative Session Update and Military and Veterans Legislation. She thanked City officials and staff for their cooperation and support during the recent legislative session.

c) Allied Waste Service – Art Contest Winners

Matt DeKerrie of Allied Waste, announced the winner of the Allied Waste art contest, Sophie Martinson. Sophie and her family were on hand to accept the award. Mr. DeKerrie displayed Sophie's winning art work.

d) Proclamation - "2009 Miss Auburn Allie Wallace as City of Auburn Goodwill Ambassador"

Mayor Lewis read and presented a proclamation designating 2009 Miss Auburn Allie Wallace as City of Auburn Goodwill Ambassador. Miss Wallace was present to accept the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and the honor to act as a Goodwill Ambassador for the City of Auburn. Ms. Wallace spoke briefly regarding her platform project, Project Sierra, which promotes the health and welfare of the people of Sierra Leone in western Africa.

e) Auburn City Code Update Project

Assistant Planning Director Kevin Snyder provided the Council with an oral update on the status of the City Code Update Project. On June 1, staff will be presenting the Council with several ordinances relating to proposed amendments to Titles 17 and 18 of the Auburn City Code. The ordinances will affect thirty-three chapters of the code. The goals of the

update are to respond to the change in the quasi-judicial role of the City Council, to improve the readability of the code, and to ensure consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and all other policy documents of the Council.

D. Agenda Modifications

A contract administration item related to repairs to the golf course pumphouse computer was added to the consent agenda and a revised Ordinance No. 6243 was distributed prior to the meeting.

II. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

No public hearing was scheduled for this evening.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form provided.

Brinda Hrdecky, 1025 West Main Street, Auburn

Ms. Hrdecky spoke regarding her concerns in the community, including alleged underage serving and over serving of alcohol by businesses in Auburn.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council review.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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A. Municipal Services

Chair Cerino reported the Municipal Services Committee met May 11, 2009. The Committee discussed amendments to the dangerous dog ordinance, reviewed the existing fireworks ordinance, and discussed graffiti abatement. The next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for May 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Planning & Community Development

Vice Chair Backus reported the Planning and Community Development Committee met May 11, 2009. The Committee discussed an ordinance relating to private art, participation in an

energy solutions consortium, the upcoming citizen survey, population targets, the Code Update Project, and the Auburn Environmental Park. The next meeting of the Planning and Community Development Committee is scheduled for May 26, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

C. Public Works

Chair Wagner reported the Public Works Committee met this afternoon at 3:00. The Committee approved a right-of-way use permit for Sound Transit directional signs for the transit center and Resolution No. 4481 calling for a hearing to consider adding a new project to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. The Committee also discussed Ordinance No. 6240 related to Local Improvement District No. 350, Ordinance No. 6243 creating a new Chapter of the City Code related to public art, Transportation Plan policies, status of design standards review that is part of the Code Update Project, and capital projects status. The next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

D. Finance

Chair Backus reported the Finance Committee met this evening at 6:30. The Committee approved consent items consisting of claims and payroll vouchers and authorization of repairs to the golf course pumphouse computer. The Committee also discussed Ordinance No. 6240 related to Local Improvement District No. 350 and Resolution No. 4481 calling for a hearing to consider adding a new project to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Community Center

The Community Center Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

F. Downtown Redevelopment

The Downtown Redevelopment Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

G. Committee on Committees

Chair Wagner reported the Committee on Committees met this evening at 7:05. The Committee recommended approval of Resolution No. 4484 which modifies the scope of duties of Council

Committees by moving much of the parks and recreation programs from the Planning and Community Development Committee to the Municipal Services Committee.

IV. REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Singer reported on her attendance at several Regional Council meetings regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Deputy Mayor Singer reported on her attendance at the Grief Works fundraising event, a tour of the King County Health Building located on Auburn Avenue, a Citizens Police Academy graduation, and a special Council meeting on May 8, 2009 relating to budget and funding priorities.

Councilmember Wagner reported on a meeting with Weyerhaeuser Senior Vice President of Research regarding Weyerhaeuser's endorsement of the Auburn Environmental Park project. Councilmember Wagner also reported on his attendance at the Regional Access Mobility Partnership in Pierce County and the senior center coffee hour.

Councilmember Cerino reported on his attendance at the City's Clean Sweep event, the Grief Works fundraising event, and the Auburn Symphony fundraising event.

Councilmember Pelosa reported on his attendance at the Regional Water Quality Committee meeting and a meeting of the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 meeting. Councilmember Pelosa reported that the WRIA 9 Fenster levee and habitat setback projects on the Green River have been fully funded. Councilmember Pelosa reminded that the Auburn International Farmers Market will open June 14, 2009.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Lewis congratulated the Police Department as the recipient of \$161,000 in additional Byrne grant funding and \$170,000 for community services as a result of the federal stimulus package.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes

1. **Minutes of the May 4, 2009 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Minutes of the February 12, 2009 special City Council meeting (Retreat).**

B. Vouchers

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1. Claims

Claims check numbers 385213 through 385595 in the amount of \$3,158,521.86 and a wire transfer in the amount of \$4,904.00 and dated the 18th day of May, 2009.

2. Payroll

Payroll check numbers 526423 through 526534 in the amount of \$874,885.76 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,307,216.51 for a grand total of \$2,182,102.27 for the pay period covering April 30, 2009 to May 13, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Singer moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinances

1. Ordinance No. 6241

O3.8 REZ07-0034

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving a rezone as requested by Piano

LLC, a limited liability corporation, of a 4.75-acre parcel from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-3 (Duplex Residential)

Councilmember Backus moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 6241.

In response to a question from Councilmember Haugen, Planning, Building and Community Development Director Baker confirmed that the rezone area includes steep slopes.

MOTION CARRIED. 5-1. Councilmember Haugen voted no.

2. Ordinance No. 6242

O3.5 PLT09-0004

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the final plat of Lakeland Area 8

Councilmember Backus moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 6242.

In response to questions from Councilmembers Wagner and Haugen, Principal Planner Chamberlain confirmed that Condition 18 relating to bus stop locations has been met and no water wells or septic systems were found on the site.

MOTION CARRIED. 5-1. Councilmember Haugen voted no.

3. Ordinance No. 6243

O5.1.3

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, creating a new Chapter 2.85 of the Auburn City Code relating to public art

Councilmember Backus moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 6243.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0.

B. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 4475

O1.8

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor and City Council to proclaim a "For Our Kids – Tobacco Free Parks" Education Program in the City of Auburn parks

Councilmember Backus moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to adopt Resolution No. 4475.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0.

2. Resolution No. 4481

O4.9.3

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to call for a public hearing to consider adding a new project to the Six Year 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a new traffic signal at the intersection of 4th Street SE and F Street SE

Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Cerino seconded to adopt Resolution No. 4481.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0.

3. Resolution No. 4484

A3.7.1

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Resolution No. 4429 passed December 15, 2008, relating to the City Council of the City of Auburn

Councilmember Wagner moved and Deputy Mayor Singer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 4484.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:51, Mayor Lewis recessed the meeting for a five minute intermission and then to executive session for the purpose of discussing the sale of property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and pending/potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately thirty minutes. Staff members required for the executive session included City Attorney Daniel

Heid, Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah Miller, Public Works Director Dennis Dowdy, Planning, Building and Community Director Cindy Baker, Risk Manager Rob Roscoe, and Chief of Police Jim Kelly. No action is expected at the conclusion of the executive session.

At 9:25 p.m. Mayor Lewis extended the executive session an additional ten minutes and at 9:39 p.m. extended the executive session an additional five minutes.

Mayor Lewis reconvened the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

APPROVED THE _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2009.

Peter B. Lewis, Mayor

Danielle Daskam, City Clerk

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